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ABSTRACT

This document lists the law-related education activities conducted by state courts. The listings are arranged by state. Entries list the name of the court, a list of activities provided, descriptions of unusual programs, guidelines for programs that some of the courts have developed, and the name, title or committee, address, and phone number of a contact person for each state. Entries range from those where the court conducts no law related education activities but works closely with state centers for law and civic education, to elaborate programs. The entry for Alaska describes a program through the youth court in which juveniles accused of misdemeanors and felonies involving property, assault, and firearms charges, appear in a court where the roles of attorneys, bailiffs, clerks, and judges are filled by youth. Students in grades 7 through 12 can take an 8 to 10 week comprehensive law course. After passing a bar exam, they are sworn in as attorneys. Adult attorneys review students' research on each case. Hearings are held in court. Sentences include community service, essays, attendance at adult arraignments, restitution and fines, and classes in shoplifting or substance abuse education. More typical activities listed include Law Day, visits to classrooms by judges, oral arguments held at schools, bicentennial celebrations, student visits to court, teacher education, mock trials, and curriculum development. (DK)

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Alabama **Supreme Court of Alabama**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities; however, it does work closely with the law-related education coordinator at the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education.

Contact: Thelma Braswell, Director of Court Relations, Administrative Office of the Courts, 817 South Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36130-0101; 205-834-7990

Alaska **Supreme Court of Alaska**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, student visits, teen court

The Anchorage Youth Court provides juveniles, accused of misdemeanors and felonies involving property, assault, and firearms charges, the opportunity to appear in a court where the roles of attorneys, bailiffs, clerks, and judges are filled by youth. Students in grades 7-12 can take an 8-10 week comprehensive law course. After passing a Bar Exam, they are sworn in as attorneys. Adult attorneys review students' research on each case. Hearings are held in a Superior Courtroom. Sentences include community service, essays, attendance at adult arraignments, restitution and fines, classes in shoplifting or alcohol and other drug education. Recidivism rate is 4%.

Contact: Sharon Henry-Hall, Administrative Assistant, Supreme Court of Alaska, 303 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; 907-264-0548

Arizona **Supreme Court of Arizona**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities; however, it does work closely with the law-related education coordinator at the Arizona Center for Law-Related Education.

Contact: Karen Waldrop, Director of Educational Services, Supreme Court of Arizona, 1314 North Third Street, Suite 200, Phoeniz, AZ 85004; 602-542-9431

Arkansas **Supreme Court of Arkansas**

Activities: Judge in the Classroom, court staff visits, student visits, teacher education
Settings: schools, juvenile justice
Funding Sources: SJI grants, operating budget
Resources: curricular materials, audio-video slide presentation on the Arkansas Judicial System

The State Court developed a set of guidelines for judges' visits to classrooms which include:

- previsit teacher-student activities such as finding newspaper articles about the legal system and discussing students' perceptions of judges,
- postvisit teacher-student activities, such as drawing pictures of conflicts and then writing a trial script about the conflict,
- suggestions for judges' working with students,
- pre/post tests,
- suggested discussion questions, and
- glossary of legal terms.

Contact: Karolyn Bond, Public Education/Publications Coordinator, Supreme Court of Arkansas, Justice Building, Little Rock, AR 72201; 501-376-6655

California **Supreme Court of California**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Lynn Holton, Public Information Officer, Administrative Office of the Courts, 303 Second Street--South Tower, San Francisco, CA 91107; 415-396-9118

Colorado **Supreme Court of Colorado**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, teacher education
Settings: schools, civic organizations, law-related education coordinator at the Colorado Legal Education Project
Funding Sources: grants, operating budget
Resources: curricular materials, videos, booklets

96 school districts have participated in the Colorado Courts in the Community programs. The Supreme court conducts actual oral arguments in schools. The program includes a 6 hour workshop for teachers and lawyers, teaching materials, lawyers giving classroom presentations before the students observe the oral arguments, videotaping the proceedings, lunch for students and justices, and follow-up sessions where lawyers discuss the judges' opinions with the students. The 1991 Bill of Rights Poster Contest for alternative schools was designed to expand alternative high school students' knowledge of, and interest in, the Bill of Rights and to motivate them to think about how their lives are affected by the Bill of Rights.

Contact: Rebecca Virtue-Smith, Public Education Coordinator, Colorado Judicial Department, 1301 Pennsylvania Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80203-2416; 303-837-3658

Connecticut **Supreme Court of Connecticut**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, court staff visits, Judge in the Classroom, student visits, teacher education
Settings: schools, juvenile justice organizations, bar associations

Contact: Martin Libbin, Counsel, Legal Services, Supreme Court of Connecticut, Drawer N, Station A, Hartford, CT 06101; 203-566-5767

Delaware **Supreme Court of Delaware**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Franny Maguire, Training Adminstrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, 820 North French Street, 11th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801; 302-577-2501

Florida **Supreme Court of Florida**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities but is very supportive of the Florida Law-Related Education Center.

Contact: Annette Pitts, Florida Law-Related Education Association, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 104, Tallahassee, FL 32303; 904-386-8223

Georgia **Georgia Supreme Court**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, student visits, teacher education, diversion projects, teen court, activities with adjudicated delinquents
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings, state law-related education coordinator The State Court participates in the Georgia Law-Related Education Consortium which sponsors law-related education activities in the state.
Funding Sources: IOLTA, grants
Resources: newsletter, curricular material, videos

Contact: Holly Sparrow, Senior Research Associate, Administrative Office of the Courts, 244 Washington Street, SW, Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30334; 404-656-5171

Hawaii **Supreme Court of Hawaii**

Activities: mock trials, Bicentennial celebration, student visits, teacher education, Bar-School Partnership
Settings: schools, state law-related education coordinator
Funding Sources: operating budget, contributions, joint sponsorships

The State Court worked with the Hawaii Legal Auxiliary, the State Bar Association, and the Department of Education in developing the booklets "A Child's Guide to Law" and "Being 18--Local Style." The Court co-sponsored with the Department of Education a law-related education conference "Liberty, Justice, and the Law" for 100 teachers.

Contact: Marsha Kitagawa, Public Affairs Director, The Judiciary, 417 South King Street, Post Office Box 2560, Honolulu, HI 96804; 808-548-4634

Idaho **Supreme Court of Idaho**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities but works with the law-related education coordinator at the Idaho Law Foundation.

Contact: Dana Weatherby, Law-Related Education Coordinator, Idaho Law Foundationm, Post Office Box 895, Boise, ID 83710; 208-342-8958

Illinois **Supreme Court of Illinois**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: James Marcanti, Assistant Director, Chicago, Supreme Court of Illinois, 30 North Michigan, Suite 2017, Chicago, IL 60602-3658; 312-793-3250

Indiana **Supreme Court of Indiana**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Bruce Kotzan, Supreme Court of Indiana, 323 State House, Indianapolis, IN 46204; 317-232-2542

Iowa **Supreme Court of Iowa**

Activities: Although the State Court has no formal law-related education program, many court personnel are involved in moot court and mock trials.
Resources: video and brochure about the court system

Contact: Jerry Beatty, Director of Judicial Education and Planning, Supreme Court of Iowa, State House, Des Moines, IA 50319; 515-281-5241

Kansas **Kansas Supreme Court**

Activities: Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, teacher education, Bar-School Partnership, teen court, moot courts, diversion, mediation, activities with adjudicated delinquents
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings, state law-related education coordinator
Resources: curricular materials, videos, booklets

Contact: Dr. Howard Schwartz, Judicial Administrator, Kansas Judicial Center, Topeka, KS 66612; 913-296-2256

Kentucky **Supreme Court of Kentucky**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, court staff visits, student visits, teacher education, diversion projects, teen court, moot courts, activities with adjudicated delinquents, Street Law
Settings: schools, with the state law-related education coordinator co-sponsorship of conferences and training for juvenile intake offices
Funding Sources: court budget, grants
Resources: law-related education newsletter, curricular materials, video

The State Court has its own law-related education director. It conducts a statewide diversion project at 12 different sites. Youth arrested for misdemeanors go through a 12 week law-related education program where they explore concepts of authority, responsibility, and justice. They learn about the legal system and responsible citizenship. There has been a 4-5% recidivism rate.

Contact: Deborah Williamson, Law-Related Education Program Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601-9230; 502-564-2350

Maine **Supreme Court of Maine**

Activities: Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, moot courts
Setting: state law-related education coordinator

Contact: Dana Baggett, State Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, 70 Center Street, Post Office Box 4820 DTS, Portland, ME 04112; 207-879-4792

Maryland **Court of Appeals of Maryland**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, student visits, teacher education, moot courts, mediation
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings, law-related education coordinator at the Citizenship/Law-Related Education Program for Maryland Schools
Funding source: the Maryland Judiciary
Resources: curricular materials, a video "In Her Own Image: Women in Law--a Maryland Perspective," and an accompanying study guide to inform and educate students about career choices in law and Maryland women's contributions to the legal profession

Contact: Ellen Marshall, Assistant State Court Administrator, and Sally Rankin, Assistant State Court Administrator, Public Awareness Committee, Courts of Appeal Building, Rowe Boulevard and Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401; 410-974-2475

Massachusetts **Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, teacher education, diversion projects, MENTOR, Bar-School Partnerships, activities with adjudicated delinquents
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings, Boys and Girls Clubs. The state law-related education coordinator is based at the State Court.

The Judicial Youth Corps is a partnership between the Massachusetts Courts and the Boston Public Schools. The project includes the following:

- weekly education sessions for student interns on legal and court-related issues, which include participating in mock eviction hearings and role plays and observing court proceedings by sitting next to the judge and other court personnel;
- a paid summer internship at the courthouse under the supervision of court employees, where the interns prepare daily dockets, respond to phone inquiries, update and file court records and learn about following office protocol and dealing with confidential information
- a one-day training for high school teachers, conducted by a team of judges, court administrators, and educators

Contact: Nancy Waggner, Law-Related Education Coordinator, Massachusetts Supreme Court, Public Information Office, Room 218, Old Court House, Boston, MA 02108; 617-725-8524

Michigan **Michigan Supreme Court**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Kris Briggs, Special Assistant to State Court Administrator, State Building--North Tower, 611 West Ottawa Street, Post Office Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909; 517-373-0130

Minnesota **Supreme Court of Minnesota**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, Bicentennial celebration, teacher education, moot courts, MENTOR
Settings: schools, Scouts
Funding Sources: partnerships with a local newspaper and the Center for Community Legal Education, operating budget
Resources: curricular materials, videos, booklets

Contact: Rebecca Fanning, Court Information Officer, Supreme Court of Minnesota, Minnesota Judicial Center 25 Constitution Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55155; 612-296-6043

Mississippi **Supreme Court of Mississippi**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities; however, it does work closely with the law-related education coordinator at the Mississippi State Bar.

Contact: Lynette Hoyt McBrayer, Mississippi State Bar, 643 North State Street, Post Office Box 2168, Jackson, MS 39225; 612-948-4471

Montana **Supreme Court of Montana**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities; however, it does work closely with the law-related education coordinator at the Office of Public Instruction.

Contact: Michael Hall, Office of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620; 406-444-4422

Nebraska **Supreme Court of Nebraska**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities; however, it does work closely with the law-related education coordinator at the Nebraska State Bar Association.

Contact: Janet Hammer, Public Information/Education Office, Supreme Court of Nebraska, 1220 State Capitol Building, Lincoln, NE 68509; 308-471-3205

Nevada **Supreme Court of Nevada**

Activities: Judge in the Classroom, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits
Settings: schools, Scouts, Partners in Education project

Contact: Janette Bloom, Supreme Court Clerk, Administrative Office of the Courts, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 702-687-5180

New Hampshire **Supreme Court of New Hampshire**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, student visits
Settings: schools, the YMCA, the law-related education coordinator at the New Hampshire Bar Association.

During Law Week, courthouses are closed. Courts are moved to local high schools where trials are conducted. Student juries deliberate cases simultaneously to , but separate from, the real jury. The YMCA holds a Youth in Government for a Day where youth take on the roles of judges, attorneys, and other court personnel.

Contact: Howard Zibel, Clerk and Reporter of Decisions, Supreme Court Building, Concord, NH 03301; 603-271-2646

New Jersey **Supreme Court of New Jersey**

Activities: Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, court staff and student visits
Settings: state law-related education coordinator

Contact: Susan Diyanni, Legal Assistant, Administrative Office of the Courts, CN-037--RJH Justice Complex, Trenton, NJ 08625; 609-633-9848

New Mexico **Supreme Court of New Mexico**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Patricia Garcia, Management Analyst, Supreme Court of New Mexico, 25 Supreme Court Building, Santa Fe, NM 87503; 505-827-4800

New York **New York State Court of Appeals**

Activities: Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, court staff visits, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, MENTOR with court reporters, mediation
Settings: schools, community youth organizations

Contact: Mary DeBourbon, Director of Communications, Office of Court Administration, 270 Broadway, New York, NY 10007; 212-417-5900

North Carolina **Supreme Court of North Carolina**

Once the State Court had an law-related education position, but is no longer involved in law-related education.

Contact: Daniel Becker, Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts, Two East Morgan Street, Post Office Box 2448, Raleigh, NC 27602; 919-733-6280

North Dakota **Supreme Court of North Dakota**

Activities: Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, teacher education
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings
Funding Source: general funds

Contact: Keithe Nelson, Acting State Court Administrator, Supreme Court of North Dakota, State Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505; 701-224-4216

Ohio **Supreme Court of Ohio**

Activities: mock trials, moot court, Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, student and staff visits, teacher education, Bicentennial, Bill of Rights, gifted education, activities with delinquents
Funding Sources: The State Court is one of the co-sponsors and funders of the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education and serves as a legislative passthrough for funds.

"Supreme Court LIVE: a Civics Lesson for Ohio Students" was the first live broadcast of court proceedings. An oral argument before the court was broadcast on December 4, 1991, over 12 public television stations. High school students were then polled on how they thought the case would be decided.

Contact: RuthAnn Elmer, Associate Director for Court Services, Supreme Court of Ohio, State Office Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43266-0419; 614-466-3456

Oklahoma **Supreme Court of Oklahoma**

Activities: Law Day, court staff and student visits, moot court, mock trials
Setting: state law-related education coordinator

Contact: Howard Conyers, State Court Administrator, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, 1915 North Stiles, Suite 305, Oklahoma City, OK 73105; 405-521-2450

Pennsylvania **Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

The State Court does not conduct any law-related education activities.

Contact: Bunny Baum Cantor, Director of Judicial Services, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1515 Market Street, Suite 1414, Philadelphia, PA 19102; 215-560-6325

Puerto Rico **Tribunal General de Justicia de Puerto Rico**

Activities: Law Day, court staff visits, student visits, teacher education
Resources: The State Court has developed information booklets about the judicial branch and judicial law and orientation booklets about the court system on the following topics: municipal judges, the investigation room, what to expect in court, stages of the criminal process, bond, center for dispute resolution, juvenile law and the juvenile justice system, child support, and the Judicial Center of San Juan. The booklets are in Spanish.

The State Court is working with the state law-related education coordinator and the Department of Education on the Commonwealth's law-related education project.

Contact: Zulma Raices, General Court of Justice Office of Coiurt Administration, Post Office Box 917, Hato Rey, PR --919; 809-763-0869

Rhode Island **Supreme Court of Rhode Island**

Activities: Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, court staff visits, student visits, teacher education, gifted education
Settings: schools, Boys/Girls Clubs, Scouts, state law-related education coordinator at the Ocean State Center for Law and Citizenship Education
Funding source: judicial education budget
Resources: curricular materials, coloring and workbooks, videos

Contact: Holly Hitchcock, Judicial Education Officer, Supreme Court of Rhode Island, 250 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903; 401-277-3263

South Carolina **The Supreme Court of South Carolina**

The State Court does not conduct law-related education activities, but does work with the law-related education coordinator at the South Carolina Bar.

Contact: Cindy Coker, Law-Related Education Coordinator, South Carolina Bar, Post Office Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202; 803-799-4015

South Dakota **Supreme Court of South Dakota**

Activities: Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits

Contact: Dan Schenk, Personnel and Training Officer, Unified Judicial System 500 Est Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501; 605-773-4870

Tennessee **Supreme Court of Tennessee**

Activities: mock trials, mediation, Law Day, court staff visits, Judge in the Classroom

The Chief Judicial Planner is on the steering committee for the state law-related education project.

Contact: Suzanne Kieth, Chief Judicial Planner, Supreme Court of Tennessee, TN 3724309697; 615-741-4416

Utah **Supreme Court of Utah**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, teacher education, Bar-School Partnership, moot courts, MENTOR, activities with adjudicated delinquents
Settings: schools, juvenile justice settings, the law-related education coordinator at the Utah Law-Related Education Project

Contact: Cheryll May, Public Information Officer, Office of the Court Administrator, 230 South 500 East, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84102; 801-533-6371

Vermont **Supreme Court of Vermont**

The State Court conducts no law-related education activities.

Contact: Thomas Lehner, Supreme Court of Vermont, 111 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602;

Virginia **Supreme Court of Virginia**

Activities: mock trials, Bicentennial celebration, Bill of Rights, student visits, teacher education, moot courts
Settings: schools, state law-related education coordinator at the Virginia Consortium for Law-Related Education
Funding Source: general operating budget

Contact: William T. Capers III, 100 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219; 804-786-6455

Washington **Supreme Court of Washington**

Activities: mock trials, Law Day, Judge in the Classroom, Bill of Rights

The Judges in the Class project is a coordinated effort of the University of Puget Sound Institute on Citizenship Education in the Law (UPSICEL), the Department of Public Instruction, and the Supreme Court to involve judges in middle and high school classrooms. Judges and teachers cooperatively work with student on case studies, mock trials and other activities using lesson plans designed by UPSICEL.

Contact: Ann Sweeney, Manager of Judicial Education, Supreme Court of Washington, Temple of Justice, 106 Quince Street, Mail Stop EZ-11, Olympia, WA 98504-1170; 206-753-3365

Wyoming **Supreme Court of Wyoming**

The State Court conducts no law-related education activities but is participating on the advisory council of the statewide law-related education project.

Contact: Robert Duncan, Court Coordinator, Supreme Court of Wyoming, Cheyenne, WY 82003; 307-777-7582